

The Photographic Intelligence Division of ORR

A. History of Administration

Plans for establishing the Division were formulated in 1951-1952 as the result of an ever increasing need for photographic intelligence support within CIA which the military services could not provide. Recommendations for such action were recorded by CIA consultants on photo-intelligence and these were carefully studied, modified, approved and implemented ~~during the successive occupation span of 3 Assistant Directors, Office of Research and Reports.~~

Established as a functioning entity in FY 1953 and assigned to the Chief, Geographic Research, the Photographic Intelligence Division has two Branches, a Geographic and an Industrial, each with a complement of five photo-intelligence officers. With the Chief, his Deputy and Secretary, the total strength of the Division amounts to 13 with provision allowed for two military photo-intelligence officers to be also allotted to the Division.

The Chief of the Division reported on duty in May 1953 and shortly thereafter the Objectives and Functions of the Division and Position Descriptions for each employee were formally drawn and approved.

B. Pattern of Personnel Change

The first photo-intelligence officer entered on duty 1 July 1952. In October 1952, a second since transferred to the Geography Division, Staff for Soviet Mapping Intelligence, was transferred to D/GP to undergo training. The next recruit arrived 22 December 1952 and others followed to make a total of six professional personnel with the arrival of the Chief in May 1953. A seventh arrived in July 1953 and two more came in the Spring of 1954. One was lost through eyesight difficulties and transferred out in the Spring of 1954. Present strength is 8 professionals and 1 administrative assistant. Applicants for the remaining 4 positions are currently undergoing investigation and processing and might be expected to arrive by Fall 1954.

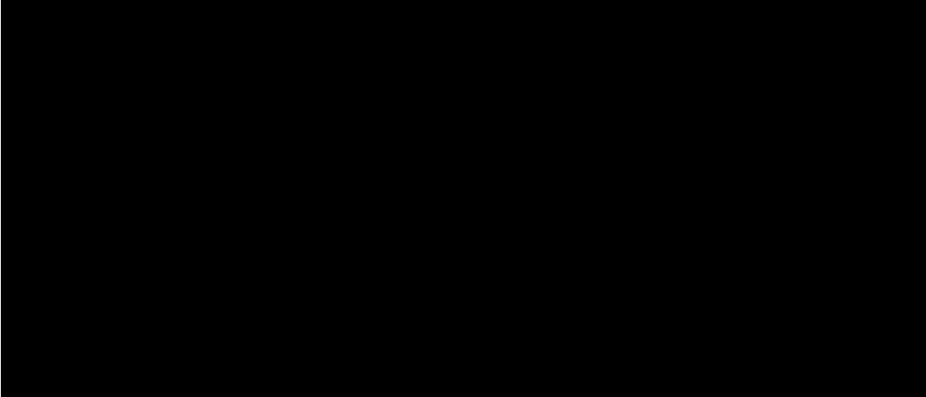
C. Professional Growth

Beyond the formal training accomplishment listed under D. below, the professional experience and capabilities of D/GP personnel have been augmented at an accelerated rate. The reasons for this are found in the inadequate staffing pattern of the Division and the exceptionally wide variety of CIA requirements for photographic intelligence support. Eighteen months of most practical experience in trying to meet the numerous and highly varied requirements placed upon the Division has indicated that staffing is not adequate to meet even the basic requirements of a high priority nature. Therefore, each person in the Division

has had to work exceptionally hard, frequently overtime, to meet a succession of deadlines on very high priority projects of widely variant nature. Each person has been forced to learn faster, to double up in certain capabilities and generally establish a highly flexible, professional performance which is not usually required of the more highly specialized military photo-interpreter working with a large staff. The opportunities for further professional growth in photographic intelligence within CIA are presently almost limitless. The problem now consists of maintaining a fair equilibrium between personnel energy expenditure, short of harmful fatigue, and the meeting of more and more deadlines of high priority and professionally challenging projects.

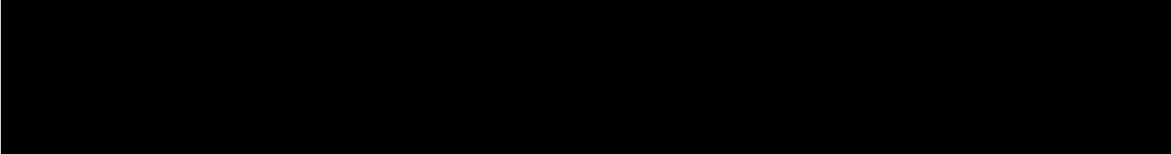
D. Training of Divisional Personnel

Training of D/GP personnel is directed toward widening their scope of experience as intelligence officers as well as improving their areal knowledge, language aptitude and technical capabilities. The training taken to date by Division members is broken down as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Persons</u>
CIA Orientation Course (12 hours)	5
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	4
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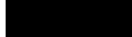


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One trip by the Division Chief to  to discuss photo-intelligence keys and arrange for borrowing  studies in Arctic and sub-Aractic areas for copying and utilization by U.S. Photo Intelligence Interests represented in the  Committees.

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F. Total Expenditures

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FY 1953

FY 1954

G. Selected Expenditures

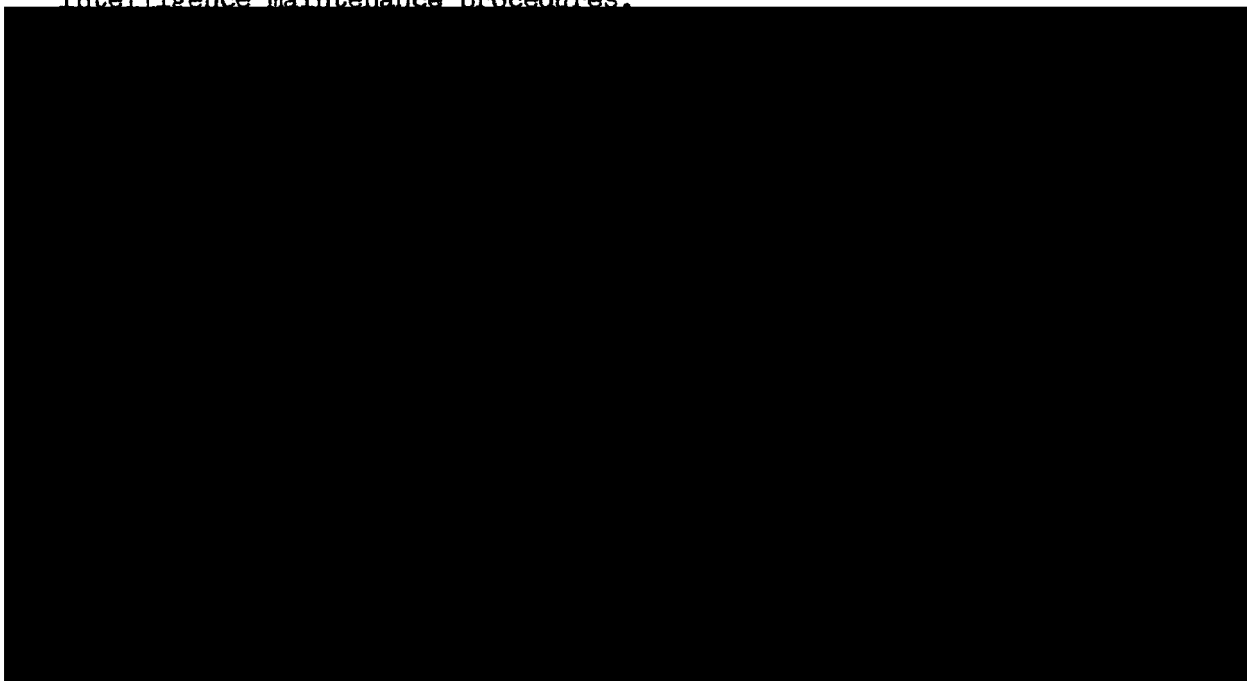
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Of the total sums listed above, [REDACTED] was expended for specialized photo interpretation - photogrammetric material and equipment.

H. Accomplishments

1. Development of photo-intelligence operational channels and liaison within CIA. Exploration of the intelligence support needs of DD/I and DD/P components. Establishment of administrative and intelligence maintenance procedures.

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